

IS IT A PARALYZER?

The following associated press dispatch, dated Washington, August 9th, is liable to create consternation in Arizona if the bearing of the article issued by the department, be as broad as the one outlined in the telegram. There is hardly a foot of arable mesa or bottom land in the Territory that cannot be irrigated by the water storage system, and there is hardly a mountain range within Arizona's broad domain that does not, to a greater or less extent, offer facilities for water storage. It is because of this that the blow will fall the more heavily on the Territory if the following is issued.

"Acting Land Commissioner Stone to all Registers and Receivers respecting the irrigation survey. After quoting the law he says: 'The object sought to be accomplished by the foregoing provision is unmistakable. The water sources and arid lands that may be irrigated by a system of national irrigation are now reserved, to be hereafter, when redeemed to agriculture, transferred to the people of the Territories in which they are situated, for homestead, by act of congress, and other lands, which may be reserved, should be faithfully preserved for these declared purposes. The statute provides that all lands which may hereafter be acquired or selected by the geological survey as sites for reservoirs, ditches or canals for irrigating purposes, and all lands made susceptible of irrigation by such reservoirs, ditches or canals, arising from the passage of this act, absolutely reserved for sale as the property of the United States, and shall not be subject after the passage of the act, to entry, settlement or occupation until further provided by law, or the President by proclamation, may open said lands to settlement. Neither individuals or corporations have the right to make filings upon any lands thus reserved, nor can they be permitted to obtain control of lakes and streams that are susceptible of being occupied for irrigation purposes. You will therefore immediately cancel all filings made since October 2, 1888, on such sites for reservoirs, ditches or canals for irrigating purposes, and all lands that may be susceptible of irrigation by such reservoirs, ditches or canals, whether made by individuals or corporations, and you will hereafter receive no filings upon any such lands. This order will carry into effect without delay.'

Lands once withdrawn from public entry, are virtually dead to the public for years, as may be instance by the Algodones land grant below Yuma. This land was withdrawn from public settlement because of said supposed grant. The grant was proven fraudulent years ago, but the public domain was left to the public domain, nor must other lands when once withdrawn, expect other disposition. If the public lands of the Territory are to be tied up and settlement barred therefrom until again opened by the authorities, Arizona will experience a disastrous set-back. But until we know more than is contained in the telegram in question, the subject is hardly open for discussion. If, however, it will be proven true by subsequent information, it will be neither wise nor prudent to advise the Senate Committee to visit us, for if we understand the ruling right, all the public lands in Arizona will be practically withdrawn from settlement. However we await more information on the subject before becoming too badly scared."

A GENTLEMAN writing to the CITIZEN on invitation to give his views against statehood says "that the constitutional convention should not be held."—Herald.

The Herald continues to willy nilly misrepresent the CITIZEN on every question that comes up for discussion, and the above extract is a sample of its veracity. The only invitation ever extended by this paper, was the printed circular sent out asking for expressions pro and con on the proposition to hold a constitutional convention now, and push Arizona for statehood. No one was ever invited by this paper, or by any one in its behalf, to give his views against the convention. We have received and printed replies to our circular, from democrats and republicans alike, for and against the convention; besides many of both political parties have been interviewed on the subject, and everything received has been published. No one has been barred out and no views have been suppressed. The unanimity of opinion that is being expressed in opposition to the convention, is evidently spoiling the little jack-in-the-box combination entered into by a couple of the Phenix papers, and a few disgruntled republicans to hand over the territory, bag and baggage, to the democrats, provided their chief is allowed to do one of the senatorial caps.

The CITIZEN again renews its invitation to the people, democrats, republicans and mugwumps, to send in their views on the constitutional convention question, be they for or against it. The columns of this paper are open for a full and fair discussion. Will our fault-finding contemporary do as much?

As will be noted in our telegraphic columns, David S. Terry, the noted Judge, has gone to his long rest. He was shot dead this morning at Lathrop, Cal., by Deputy U. S. Marshal Nagle. It would seem that Nagle and Justice Field, of the Supreme Court of San Francisco, were at breakfast in the depot hotel in that city. Soon after, Terry and his wife entered, and the latter retiring for a few moments, her husband stepped up to Judge Field and gently slapped him across the face. Evidently Field did not resent the insult, but his companion Nagle drew a revolver and shot Terry through the heart. For a long time there had been bad blood between the two judges, the result of a decision rendered by Field in the celebrated Sharon case, Terry's wife being in that case Sarah Althea Terry, the assumed wife of Sharon. Terry was a man of many faults, and at those times, at least, possibly, more than he deserved, but he met his death this morning in a manner that will astonish few.

The Gazette attacked Judge Barnes and says that "advised citizens of Arizona do not comply with a Territorial statute." The Gazette knew there was not a word of truth in it. Its vicious malice is apparent. In an article for this paper discussing railroad enterprises, the Judge said more was to be gained to the Territory by developing its resources through north and south railroads, than through constitutional conventions. This, as a mere illustration, and this was all there was of it. To make a mountain out of an innocent remark of this kind, is like the Gazette and its gang.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Phenix Gazette is the only ultra advocate of the constitutional convention, and it opens its slush gate of abuse on any and all who oppose; claiming to voice the people of Arizona, notwithstanding the fact that outside of Phenix there is not another newspaper in the Territory in favor of it. What a burlesque on sense and decency employed only by the Simcox pure democracy ground out by Dunbar and Johnson (two rampant populists as they claim) in each of its issues.

To C. Meyer Zuck and one or two intriguing republicans, disappointed office seekers, we owe the legacy of the constitutional convention. C. Meyer claims that he and he alone, controls the Democratic party, and that the dem. party has got to obey his commands or go under. We are aware that many honest Democrats deny this control, but we are inclined to believe that when it comes to an issue, that they will find that C. Meyer does hold a tolerable strong hand, by reason of the Mormon vote, and he and his friends—Phenix Gazette—are of the rule or order, for, it must not be forgotten, that the first legislative act that C. Meyer Zuck signed, was the repeal of the test oath against polygamy, the teaching or encouraging it, and for that act the Mormons have bound themselves and their votes to Zuck and his associates.

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